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Reminder of Spring.

Let us go into the garden with our like rake and spade and we'll spend the golden morning in the sweetest sort of toil; and we'll dig a little furrow where the seed may soon be laid, and we'll fuss around and potter with the soft and mellow soil. O, we'll plant tomato bushes and the Mother Hubbard squash, and we'll sow some pickled onions and the kind of corn that pops, and we'll tend our little garden so it will be strange, b'gosh, if when the harvest time is ended we don't have all kinds of crops. But a dismal recollection come from out the vanished years, I recall the cow that wanders like a demon in the night, eatin' all the early cabbage, and my eyes are full of tears, for that cow is still surviving and she knows the place all right. And I think about the roosters and the hens that form his suite, and I seem to see them scratchin' in my onion bed, alas! And they couldn't scratch much harder if each had a hundred feet. So me thinks I'll seek the grocer when I'm needing garden sass. —Walt Mason in Emporia Gazette.

Notice.

My attention has been called to the fact that some persons, when requested by the deputy assessor to make oath to their personal property statement, refuses to do so. The law on this point is very plain and explicit. It says: "If any person shall refuse to be sworn, or affirmed, or after having been sworn or affirmed, shall refuse to answer the questions herein before set out or any questions touching the subject of inquiry, such person, on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum, not more than five hundred nor less than ten dollars, to which may be added imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months." It would seem to me that persons should not trifle with this law. It is not a joke but a very serious matter and should be treated as such. J. M. SCHAFFER, Co. Assessor.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice at Hays, Kansas, Tuesday, Mar. 3rd. When calling for same please say "Advertised."

C. E. Wharton,
Peter Boland,
Lewis Hiatt.
H. J. PENNEY, Postmaster.

It is evident that the assessors this year are to have lots of real work. The Norton News says:

"County clerks have been notified that they should not sign the vouchers for the county assessors until the assessors had made a complete record of the births, marriages and deaths in the different assessing districts. Heretofore it has been impossible for Kansas authorities to secure these vital statistics complete because the assessors would not pay any attention to the blanks sent them by the state board of health. Then the attorney general was asked about it and he has prepared an opinion holding that the county clerks may hold up the pay of all county assessors who do not make the returns.

Farmers Attention!

Now is the time to get your discs sharpened. Best sharpener in the world is GOODALL'S SHOP. 17-2t

Will Allow No Visitors.

I. M. Yost informs us that hereafter no visitors will be allowed inside of the cement mill at Yocemento. This has become necessary on account of dangerousness and great importance of the work which is now being done. It is hoped to begin making cement in sixty days.

The Old-Fashioned Hitching Post.

Our old residents who remember the many hitching and awning posts along Chestnut and Main streets with teams tied thereto, and now see clear streets and the teams hitched on the side streets, will appreciate the following from an exchange:

"That good old hitching post! What a familiar object to all of us who had the good fortune to be reared near a country town. Still, while tender memories hang around the old post, there is much about it at times worthy of condemnation. There is nothing that makes a main street of a small town look so shabby and thoroughly countrified and back-woodish as a row of rickety old hitching posts on each side of the street. Constant tramping and pawing near them makes holes in the ground, unsightly mud-holes in damp weather and ill-smelling and offensive in numerous respects. It may appear a bit of enterprise on the part of the merchant to erect a number of posts in front of his store, but does he gain business by it? How often do you see Farmer Short-crop drive in, tie his team to the posts in front of Smith's store and go over to Green's store to do his trading? As long as hitching posts are allowed to occupy places in front of the stores on main streets it will be impossible to keep the streets in the neat and good condition that they should be in. Far better to have them on some unoccupied street within easy reach of the business sections where farmers can hitch their teams. Every town which has the power to control its own affairs should make regulations that will keep the hitching post from 'ornamenting' the main streets."

It will soon be time for candidates to begin circulating petitions to get their names on the primary election tickets and it will be well for every voter to remember that he is not allowed to sign petitions for two men for the same office. The habit of signing every man's petition just because some friend of his asked you to, will have to be broken away from. As we understand the law it will be just as unlawful for you to do this as it would to vote twice at the general election.—EX.

The county must furnish the blank petitions, a candidate cannot get on the primary ticket unless he has a petition signed by the required number, so the quicker candidates get their petitions and secure that number the surer they are to be on that primary ticket.

"Oscar Ostrum, who was appointed permanent court reporter of the 23rd judicial district, was born on his father's homestead in the hills northwest of Russell, near Fay. Later he lived in Russell and went through the common schools of Bunkerhill, graduating from the common school course at the head of the class of the entire county. Later he attended college at Lindsborg, studied shorthand and developed into one of the most skilled stenographers in the state."—Judge Ruppenthal in Luray Herald notes.

OPPORTUNITY.

Master of human destiny am I!
Fame, love and fortune on my footsteps wait,
Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate
Deserts and fields remote, and passing by
Hovel and mart and palace soon or late,
I knock unbidden at every gate!
If sleeping, wake, if feasting, rise before
I turn away. It is the hour of fate,
And they who follow me reach every state
Mortals desire, and conquer every foe
Save death: but those who doubt and hesitate
Condemned to failure, penury and woe,
Seek me in vain and ceaselessly implore,
But I answer not—I come no more.

—JOHN J. INGALLS.

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and failed to find you in;
For every day I stand out side your door,
And bid you wake; and rise to fight to win.
Wait not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burn the records of the day;
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with the dead;
But never binds a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep,
I lean my arm to all who say "I can!"
No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep
But yet might rise and again be a man!
Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past
And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from the spell;
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven,
Each morning gives thee wing to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to Heaven!

—WALTER MALONE.

Stockholders' Meeting.

There will a meeting of the original stockholders of the farmers elevator to-day, Saturday, March 7th, to see if there can be stock enough raised to purchase the elevator. Everybody is invited to turn out and see what can be done. BY REQUEST OF STOCKHOLDER.

Economy Cream Separators.

Recently the United States supreme court handed down a decision against Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago granting a permanent injunction prohibiting them from manufacturing, selling or using the cream separator which they have been selling all over the country. The injunction applies to all who have bought and are now using the "Economy," "New Model," or the "Improved." The injunction is on the Anderson patent, and only two separator companies have bought the right to use this patent. The U. S. Separator company is one of these two.

This decision will work a hardship on quite a number of people in this and adjoining counties who have paid their money to Sears, Roebuck & Co., for machines, and will now have to cease using them or take chances of being arrested for contempt of court.

The Republican County convention held in Hays last Saturday was the last they will have, the new primary being now in effect, so quite a crowd were present and had considerable excitement in selecting the delegates to the state and congressional conventions to elect delegates to the national convention.

To the state convention at Topeka they selected H. W. Joy, C. W. Reader, H. B. Kohl and Peter Johnson, Sr. with C. W. Miller, J. H. Downing, I. M. Yost and Frank Swires as alternates. To the congressional convention at Osborne City they sent F. J. Brettie, Geo. Griffith, H. J. Penney and David Sites.

I. M. Yost would liked the delegates favorable to him as a home man for Congress, but the convention endorsed no one but Roosevelt.

Blue Grass Seed.

We have left a few pounds of choice Blue Grass seed from Northern New York. Warranted the best. AT THIS OFFICE.

Free Press Secures Contract

The contract for printing the new paper which is being launched at the Western State Normal was let to THE FREE PRESS this week. The new paper will be known as "The Normal Searchlight" and will be issued semi-monthly throughout the school year. The price is 75¢ by the year or 10¢ per month. Miss Mabel Rowleson is editor-in-chief and Benjamin Crocker is business manager. The other members of the staff are Miss Ida Solomon and Browlow Hopper. Ten pages, 6x9½, and a cover will constitute the initial number. The Normal has been in need of a school organ for the past couple years but until now none of the students have been enterprising enough to launch one. It will contribute largely to the upbuilding and advertising of the Normal.

Pessimist vs. Optimist.

A pessimist is a man who looks for worms in his bell-flower apple. An optimist is a man who shuts his eyes, eats worms and all and never kicks at the stomach-ache. A pessimist is a wart on the neck of progress that can't be used as a collar button. An optimist is a joy forever and a favorite with the first row in the balcony. A pessimist clings to the rheumatism as an excuse for grumbling, while an optimist loves a pretty girl for the hugging there is in her. You can't lose a pessimist, and as for the optimist, none of the girls in my set want to.—Western Publisher.

At the State Republican convention this week the old machine again held the whip hand and carried everything by a vote of 725 to only 222 for the Stubbs, Square-Deal faction, and selected Senator Long, Senator Curtis, Grant Hornaday of Ft. Scott and R. A. McGonigle of Colby as the "big 4" delegates to the National Convention.

Eye and Ear Surgeon.

Dr. M. Jay Brown, Specialist of Salina will be at the Brunswick Hotel, Monday, March 26th, prepared to treat the medical and surgical diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and to properly fit glasses. 17-2t

To Friends and the Public:

We desire to say, owing to the nature of the construction work at the cement works at Yocemento, Kansas, the directors have decided to exclude all visitors until after the completion of the mill. This is found necessary on account of accidents and danger incident to visitors. We desire to thank you for the great interest you manifest in this, we believe one of the greatest industrial enterprises that Kansas has, and we hope to have your co-operation in the future.

U. S. Portland Cement Co.,
17-1t I. M. YOST, Pres.

With the raise of three cents a bushel in the price of wheat, our streets were crowded last week with big loads of the golden grain.

The Mail and Breeze gives our county this bouquet: "Just to show how the western Kansas farmers handle the wheat business we mention the fact that an Ellis County wheat raiser was in town the other day and drew on an elevator for \$8,800 which was due him for 10,000 bushels of wheat which he had delivered a few days previous. The wheat raisers are rubbing it in on the hog men these days but there is another day coming."

Referring to the article on the second page in regard to a school house fire, this week a fire occurred in a school building near Cleveland, Ohio, resulting in a panic in which 161 children lost their lives, there being but one door through which to escape. While on Thursday at Grand Rapids, Michigan, a fire drill saved 1200 pupils, when their High School building caught fire, the children marching out in good order, without a panic as at Cleveland.

In Plainville and many towns in Kansas they have a public sale every other Saturday, the auctioneer getting a small fee. Farmers can bring in anything they have for sale and these sales are proving a great success. It would be a good plan to hold one here, getting the loan of Zeigler's lots adjoining Robinson's stable for it and having Charlie Kirkman as auctioneer. The Bellville Freeman thus describes a late sale in that county:

"The first sale under the auspices of the Business Men's Club of Narka was held on the street last Saturday and to say it was a success does not tell it half. The crowd commenced to come at one o'clock and by two the street was a perfect jam. Where the people came from is a mystery and reminded us of a Fourth of July celebration. A large amount of stuff was offered for sale at auction and all sold at good price. All the live stock offered sold except where a too high bid was put on by the owner. The business houses were crowded all day. From the sales of all of them, we find \$1165.75 worth of merchandise was sold."

Lutheran Church.

C. F. WIEST, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Public Worship. Subject: "The Peacemaker." Offering for Foreign Missions.
3:00 p. m. Catechetical Class. Topic: "The Apostles' Creed."
6:30 p. m. C. E. Prayer Meeting. Topic: "The Wise Use of Time."
7:30 p. m. Public Worship. Subject: "The Second Mile."
Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
You are cordially invited to all the services.

Baptist Church.

A. E. GOODMAN, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Service.
6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Methodist Church.

M. J. MUMFORD, Pastor.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching Service 11:00 a. m.
Junior League 3:00 p. m.
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterian Church.

W. B. BROWN, Pastor.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Service.
6:30 p. m. C. E. Service.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.
You are cordially invited to all these services.
Subject at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning: "Why I Believe the Book." Evening subject: "Types of Fools."

The Saturday Afternoon Club of Hays will meet with Mrs. Lillie H. Rea Saturday Mar. 14th. Program will be rendered as follows:—

QUO VADIS:—Sienkiewicz

Collect
Roll Call
Reading of Minutes
Book Talk—Mrs. Gertrude E. Adkins
Miscellaneous Business

C. M. Rand, the Kansas City Horse and Mule Buyer. His next dates are: Walker, March 13th, Hays, March 14th. 16-3t

J. H. Spratt has a special sale on tablets this month. See his ad. in this paper. 16-tf

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